(Sri H. Siddaveerappa)

(*c*) Since the Government of India did not continue to give 100 per cent Central Assistance from 1st April 1975 (as was given during the IV Five Year Plan period) the Scheme was disbanded. However, the Government of India, has been approached by the Department to continue the Scheme.

* *Eradication of Malaria in Gulbarga District*

773. SRI RAJAPID NAIK (Shorapur).— Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Malaria is prevalent in Gulbarga District to a large extent;

(*b*) if so, the action the Government intends taking for the eradication of Malaria ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following measures to control the spread of Malaria are being taken in all the villages and towns of Gulbarga District :—

(1) House to House surveillance for detection of fever cases.

(2) Collection and examination of blood smears for Malaria positives.

(3) Detection and treatment of Malaria cases with anti-malaria drugs.

(4) Insecticidal spraying with D. D. T.

SRI M. M. SAJJAN :—Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that 1002 patients suffering from Malaria in Muddebihal Taluka and also in the dam site of Upper Krishna *i e*, Narayana Pur and Almatti, have been kept still untreated ?

‡SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—It has not come to my notice.

SRI M. M. SAJJAN :—When so many patients have been kept untreated, will the Government be pleased to direct the concerned Authorities to take proper action and see all these patients are treated ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—I will make enquiry in this regard and issue instructions to District Health Officer to attend to these patients and see they are treated if they are not treated so far I do agree with the Hon. Member that the Malaria is on the increase from 1961 in our State. I have got positive cases and year after year it has gone on increasing. Why it is so and why it has been neglected etc , have to be studied in detail. I will take up this subject for discussion in the next Health Minister's Conference.

SRI M. M. SAJJAN :—Is it a fact that the present drugs which are required for treating this Malaria disease have become ineffective ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—That is what the common man says. But we do not know what it is. We have heard reports that the medicine is diluted and used. Any way the malaria has increased in our State. It is positive in some cases and it is on increase in some other cases. A special Officer had been appointed for this purpose. He is the status of a Joint Director. I have not been able to get results so far.

SRI RAJAPID NAIK :—Is it not a fact that malaria is mainly due to misquito nuisance ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—Misquitoes will increase due to insanitary conditions of the localities, due to stagnation of water and for some other unhygeinic conditions. As the Hon. Member is aware, we have the nuisance of misquitoes in Bangalore due to these reasons. Only a few misquitoes of a special type cause malaria and others are only nuisance to people.

SRI RAJAPID NAIK :—Whether the Government is aware that there is no stock of medicines in Government Hospitals? If so what steps the Government proposes to take in this matter?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—We have brought this on several occasions to the notice of the Government of India because the controlling of malaria is the Government of India's work and it comes under the National Plan. We have written to them now. They have increased the supply. Sometimes due to shortage of supply we were not able to make full supply needed in all places.

1-30 P. M.

SRI M. M. SAJJAN.—Will you kindly take preventive measures in the malanad and project areas which are subject to malarial infection more often, in an intensive manner?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is a part of work of the authorities in charge of these projects to see that preventive action is taken and they are expected to do it.

SRI M. M. SAJJAN.—Can the Government give statistics as to how many patients suffering from malaria have been sent back untreated during 1973 –74 and 1974—75 ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA : -I have not got those figures, but I can give you positive cases of malaria from 1961.

I do not have figures regarding those having been sent back untreated.

SRI K. PRABHAKAR.—It is said that the medicines have been diluted. May I know who advised dilution and what is the nature of diluting ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Nobody has advised. May be the manufacturers themselves may not have supplied the proper quality of the medicine needed. But it is felt even mosquitoes have become resistant to D.D.T. It does not in any way help They have been thinking of other kinds of medicines. We have not been able to give any successful remedy.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ ಆರ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಲು ನಾಯುಡು.—ತಾವು ಮಲೇರಿಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ ಡ್ರಗ್ಸ್ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಕಾರದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಒಬ್ಬ ಪರಿಣಿತರನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಒಬ್ಬ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪರ್ಟ್ ಆಫೀಸರನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. There is a special officer only to look after prevention of malaria in the State. He has not been able to give satisfactory results.

SRI RAJAPID NAIK.—The mosquitoes have become a night mare. Will the Government take measures to eradicate them ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is a Government of India scheme We are thinking of so many irrigation schemes and some drainage schemes have not been properly working. Wherever there is stagnation of water mosquitoes breed and we do not how to eradicate them totally.

MADAM SPEAKER:— I am going to hold over the Question No. 478 of Mr. H. T. Krishnappa as the Hon. Minister is not well.